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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

9 SCOTT TUOMINEN, an individual;

10 Plaintiff,

11 vs.

12 NEVADA GOLD MINES, LLC, a  
13 Domestic Limited Liability Company,

14 Defendant.  
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Case No.: 3:24-cv-00120-MMD-CSD

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT  
AND STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF A  
QUALIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER**

17 Plaintiff SCOTT TUOMINEN (“Plaintiff” or “Tuominen”) and Defendant NEVADA GOLD  
18 MINES, LLC, (“Defendant” or “NGM”) (collectively, the “Parties”) by and through their respective  
19 counsel, agree as follows:

20 1. During the course of this litigation, a party may produce or disclose documents,  
21 materials, and information (collectively, “Information”) which are confidential and contain personal  
22 information. Similarly, such Information may be disclosed by written discovery, deposition  
23 testimony (to the extent taken), or in other filings with the Court. Accordingly, the parties submit  
24 this Confidentiality Agreement and Stipulation for Entry of a Qualified Protective Order (the  
25 “Order”) for the approval and enforcement of the Court and hereby agree as follows:

26 2. All Information produced in this litigation and designated as “Confidential” as  
27 provided below shall be used solely for the purpose of this litigation and will not be used or disclosed  
28 outside the context of this litigation. Any person receiving such Information designated as

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1 Confidential shall restrict its disclosure to persons authorized to receive the Information designated  
2 as “Confidential” pursuant to this Order. A Confidential designation is applicable to all copies and  
3 reproductions of any Information. Nothing herein shall be deemed to restrict the right of the  
4 producing party to use its own Information that it has designated as Confidential as it chooses.  
5 Nothing in this Order requires either party to produce Information the party believes is privileged or  
6 otherwise non-discoverable. By entering into this Order, the parties do not waive any right to object  
7 to any discovery request, to the admission of evidence on any ground, to seek further protective  
8 order, or to seek relief from the Court from any provision of this Order.

9 3. Definition of Confidential Information: A producing party may designate as  
10 Confidential such Information which the producing party believes in good faith constitutes, contains,  
11 or reflects personal information or financial information about a party or other person, or other  
12 information that is not generally known to the public.

13 4. Designating Information as Confidential: All or any part of a document, item,  
14 testimony, or other Information disclosed, produced, or filed in this litigation may be designated as  
15 Confidential by marking the word “Confidential” on the face of the original of the document and  
16 each page so designated, or on the face of the photocopy of the document, and on the photocopies  
17 of each page so designated, except as to documents containing more than twenty-five (25) pages, in  
18 which case marking the top page as Confidential will suffice. Oral testimony may be designated as  
19 Confidential during the deposition or proceeding, with reasonable precision as to the affected  
20 testimony, or within seven (7) business days after receipt of the transcript of such deposition or  
21 proceeding by sending written notice designating, by page and line, the portions of the transcript of  
22 the deposition or other testimony to be treated as Confidential. All or any part of responses to  
23 interrogatories or to requests for admission or for production of documents may be designated as  
24 Confidential on the face of the response and each page so designated.

25 Furthermore, the Parties agree that any personal information obtained pursuant to a criminal  
26 records release, whether such release is executed by a party to this litigation or by a third party, shall  
27 be automatically designated Confidential. After any such personal information is obtained pursuant  
28 to a criminal records release, the Parties shall mark the word “Confidential” on the face of the

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original of the document and each page so designated, or on the face of the photocopy of the document, and on the photocopies of each page so designated, except as to documents containing more than twenty-five (25) pages, in which case marking the top page as Confidential will suffice.

5. Challenging a Designation: Either of the Parties may challenge at any time the propriety of a designation of Information as Confidential. Before seeking relief from the Court, the Parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute informally and in good faith. If the Parties are unable to resolve such dispute, it shall be submitted to the Court. The Information shall be treated as Confidential pending resolution of the challenge.

6. No Implied Acknowledgement of Confidentiality: Compliance with the terms of this Order, production or receipt of Information designated Confidential, and/or allowing Information to be designated Confidential shall not in any way operate as an admission that any particular Information is Confidential. Failure to challenge the designation of Information as Confidential does not preclude a subsequent challenge. The designation of Information as Confidential does not create a presumption in favor of or against that designation.

7. Access to Information Designated Confidential Which Does Not Constitute Personal Information: Access to Information designated Confidential, but not including personal information, is restricted to the following persons:

(a) Counsel of record for the respective parties, including office associates, paralegals, stenographic and clerical employees;

(b) The parties to this action and their representatives, including in-house counsel;

(c) Experts or consultants (including their employees, associates, and/or support staff) who are employed, retained or otherwise consulted by counsel or a party for the purpose of analyzing data, conducting studies, or providing opinions to assist in any way in the litigation. Information designated Confidential that is accessed by experts or consultants shall be limited to documents that the experts or consultants reasonably need to review in their roles as experts or consultants;

(d) Electronic imaging and/or computer litigation support personnel retained by

one or more of the parties in this litigation or by the parties' counsel;

(e) The Court and its personnel, including clerks and stenographic reporters who record deposition of other testimony in this litigation;

(f) Outside photocopying services, graphic production services, or litigation support services employed by the parties or their counsel to assist in this litigation, and computer personnel performing duties in relation to a computerized litigation system; and

(g) Any other person whom the producing party agrees to in writing.

Counsel shall inform each person to whom they disclose or give access to the other Party's Information designated Confidential of the terms of this Order, as well as the obligation to comply with its terms, and said persons shall to abide by the terms of this Order.

8. Access to Information Designated Confidential Which Constitutes Personal Information: Access to Information designated Confidential which constitutes personal information is restricted to counsel of record for the respective parties, including paralegals and office employees.

9. Depositions: To the extent depositions occur in this litigation, persons may be deposed regarding Information of which they have knowledge that has been designated Confidential. Aside from the witness, no person shall attend any portion of any deposition containing testimony regarding Confidential Information except the parties and counsel for the parties unless such person agrees to abide by this Order. Any court reporter who transcribes testimony in this action at a deposition shall agree, before transcribing any such testimony, that all testimony containing Confidential Information is and shall remain Confidential and shall not be disclosed except as provided in this Order and that copies of any transcript, reporter's notes or any other transcription records of any such testimony will be retained in absolute confidentiality and safekeeping by such shorthand reporter or delivered to attorneys of record.

10. Previously Produced Information: This Order does not affect the right of the parties to designate as Confidential any Information which has been produced prior to the entry of this Order. Any disclosure of such Information prior to its designation as Confidential shall not be deemed a violation of this Order. This Order shall not prejudice the right of the parties to designate as Confidential the Information a party has inadvertently produced without the sought designation.

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11. Filing Documents Under Seal: A party or non-party wishing to file a document designated as “Confidential” shall file or submit for filing as part of the court record and Documents under seal in accordance with Local Rule IA 10-5. The Party who has designated such materials as Confidential shall submit an accompanying motion for leave to file those documents with the Court under seal, making the showing required under *Kamakana v. City and County of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir. 2006) and also complying with *Center for Auto Safety v. Chrysler Group, LLC*, 809 F.3d 1092, 1097 (9th Cir. 2016), to sustain the sealed status of such materials. Failure to file the motion to sustain that sealed status of the materials shall constitute a waiver of such designated status. In the event the Court refuses to allow the filing under seal of Confidential Information, a party shall still be permitted to file such Information, but it will continue to be treated as Confidential in all other respects, unless the Court deems otherwise.

12. Conclusion of Proceedings: Within forty-five (45) days following termination of this litigation by final judgment, settlement or otherwise (including any appeals):

(a) All Information subject to the provisions of this Order shall be destroyed or delivered to the producing party.

(b) To the extent any Information designated Confidential is destroyed, the destroying party shall so represent in writing to the producing party.

(c) As to Information filed under seal, the producing party shall be obligated to retrieve those documents from the Court and the other party will support any motion to this effect.

13. Jurisdiction and Enforcement: Any person to whom Information designated Confidential is disclosed shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court for purposes of determining, assuring, and adjudging such person’s compliance with this Order. Although the parties agree to be bound by the confidentiality terms of this Order, the dismissal of this action will terminate the jurisdiction of this Court. Any party or person subject to this Order who violates its provisions shall be liable for damages for any injuries or loss suffered by the producing party as a result of such violation.

14. Survival: This Order and the agreement embodied herein shall survive the termination of this litigation and continue in full force and effect.

1 DATED: December 6, 2024

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13 **ORDER**

14 The above stipulation having been considered and good cause appearing therefore,  
15 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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17 DATED: December 6, 2024.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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